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In re Application for:

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For: **SYSTEM FOR REWRITING
CONTROL PROGRAM IN
VENDING MACHINE**Commissioner for Patents
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Date of Transmission: December 13, 2005Name of Person Faxing: Thomas L. EvansSignature: Thomas L. Evans**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.133, Applicant presents this Substance Of Interview to reflect the substance of the interview conducted with the Examiner on December 13, 2005. In addition to the undersigned, the attendees of the interview were Examiner Satish Rampuria and Primary Examiner Anil Khatri.

To the best of the undersigned's recollection, the substance of that interview may be summarized as follows:

(A) No exhibits were shown nor were any demonstrations conducted.

(B) All of the pending claims (i.e., claims 1-6, 8-12 and 14-21) were implicitly discussed.

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(C) The attendees discussed Japanese Patent Publication No. JP411265282A to Ichinose and U.S. Patent No. 5,651,132 to Honda.

(D) No specific proposed amendments were discussed. The undersigned, however, suggested that Applicant would submit claims in a revised form that more clearly segregated apparatus features of the invention from method features of the invention.

(E) During the interview, the undersigned presented arguments that there is no legitimate motivation, either in the prior art or provided by the Examiner, which would lead one of ordinary skill in the art to combine these references in the manner suggested by the Examiner. The undersigned also presented arguments that no combination of the Ichinose and Honda patent documents would teach or suggest the data mapping information or the data remapping portion for remapping data as recited in the pending claims.

(F) No other pertinent matters were discussed.

(G) It is the undersigned's understanding that the Examiner and Primary Examiner both agreed that, at the least, the current language in the claims (reciting the mapping information and remapping features of the invention) overcome the outstanding rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 based upon the combination of the Japanese Patent Publication No. JP411265282A to Ichinose with U.S. Patent No. 5,651,132 to Honda. Further, it is the undersigned's understanding that the Examiner and Primary Examiner both agreed that any amended or new claims which incorporate this language also would overcome the Japanese Patent Publication No. JP411265282A to Ichinose with U.S. Patent No. 5,651,132 to Honda.

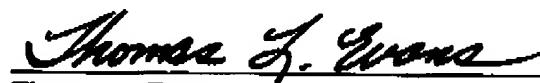
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If the Examiner or Primary Examiner disagree with any statement made above, or would like to supplement any of these statements, Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner or Primary Examiner to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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